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## The Truth at Last About "Divine Healing" and Miracles

The very essence of the early Christian religion was to **SAVE FROM SICKNESS** as well as sin. The entire life of Christ is one long record of healing disease and raising from death. For centuries people have been calling His acts "miracles." Now modern science and religion are beginning to realize that He was actually demonstrating a principle that is eternal!

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Why have people refused to believe Him?

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### Faith Alone Is Not Enough !

Perhaps you have been told that "there is magic in believing." Perhaps you have been told that if you have **FAITH**, all things are possible. Perhaps you have been told that if you **BELIEVE**, you can have anything you seek.

But, according to Dr. Merle E. Parker, internationally known author and teacher, **FAITH ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH!**

There is something more than **FAITH** that must be present before a **MIRACLE** can occur! Something else, declares Dr. Parker, is behind the numerous cases of **MIRACULOUS HEAL-**

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### FAITH IS NOT THE KEY!

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For instance, it could not have been **FAITH** that healed the decayed lungs of a man suffering from tuberculosis, after he had been told by his doctors that he was sure to die.

This man **BELIEVED HIS DOCTORS!** He really believed he had only a short time to live. He had "come home to die" and was awaiting the hour, when to his amazement he discovered he was healed! It could not have been **FAITH** that healed him, for the only thing he had **FAITH** in was the doctors' words that he was going to die! But he did not die! Why?

**IT WAS SOMETHING EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN FAITH!**

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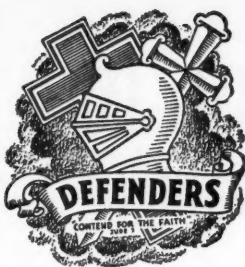
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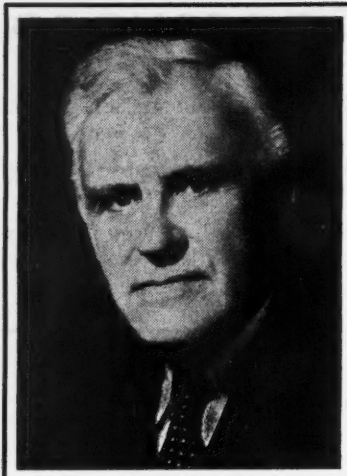
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## TAXING AND SPENDING

CONGRESSMAN RALPH W. GWINN  
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**MR. GWINN.** Mr. Speaker, last session I introduced a proposed amendment to the Constitution — House Joint Resolution 355 — designed to get the Federal Government out of business in competition with its citizens.

It provides that the United States Government shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial, or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

If this language were adopted as an amendment to the Constitution, the savings from it would, it is claimed, make possible the repeal of the individual income tax.

The claim may seem fantastic, but I can find no one in Government who can dispute it. Congress certainly cannot dispute it.

The details as to where these savings could be made are spelled out in the following testimony by Mr. Willis E. Stone before the Ways and Means Committee on February 7, 1958, as follows:

### Willis E. Stone

I am Willis E. Stone, president of the American Progress Foundation and a director of the Organization To Repeal Federal Income Taxes; address of both organizations, 725 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. I am also national director of We, the People, and a director of the Congress of Freedom.

An industrial engineer, I have long been concerned, as every good citizen

should be, with the apparent fact that taxes have been too low.

This is evident because taxes have the valid function of paying the costs of government, but taxes have failed to achieve this purpose by an average twelve billion dollars per year during these past twenty years, thus putting two hundred forty billion dollars on our national debt.

You gentlemen are caught in a most difficult dilemma. Demands for tax cuts are the most insistent in many years, and at the same time you are confronted with the most dramatic demand in history for more tax revenue. This accentuates the fact that spenders can spend more and faster than Congress can provide taxes.

While it is apparent that taxes are too low, there is an alternate equation — that the cost of government is too high. Many years ago I began to investigate this with some rather startling results.

In seeking the most promising area for cost reduction, I was amazed at the quantity of Federal corporate activities which exist without any pretense of constitutional authority, and the enormous volume of tax dollars they absorb each year.

That the members of this committee may appreciate the quantity of Federal agencies involved in corporate activities directly competitive with the private enterprises of taxpayers, you have been handed a copy of Fact Sheet No. 1, which lists more than 700 Federal agencies so involved.

There have been thirteen issues of Fact Sheet since the first issue which contains the list. The direct losses identified in these reports thus far released are as follows:

### Federal Agency Losses

Abaca Production and Sales.....	\$28,845,006
Cuba Nickel Company.....	90,249,000
Eskimo Dwellings.....	1,580,000,000
Passamaquoddy, since 1956 only.....	2,184,000
Rama Road.....	12,000,000
Texas City Tin Smelter.....	38,700,000
Sugar Act Program:	
Lost in taxes.....	383,643,776
Lost in cartel.....	1,544,400,000
Virgin Islands Corporation, 6 years only	13,236,457
Alaska Railroad to June 30, 1954.....	59,786,081
TVA fertilizer program.....	125,433,493
Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.....	203,324,731
Island Trading Company of Micronesia and the Trust Territory (10 years).....	50,000,000
Reconstruction Finance Corporation (1948 only).....	10,048,931,299
Losses.....	14,180,753,923

A view of the manner and extent in which tax funds have been spent in recent years can provide an idea of the potential benefits available to all of us as such expenditures are abated.

Under the label of "foreign aid," the American taxpayers, who have never known military defeat, have been compelled by our politicians to pay more treasures into the coffers of foreign powers than all the vanquished people in history have been required to pay to their conquerors.

On the domestic scene, more than seven hundred Federal corporate enterprises have been established. They absorb about half of our tax dollars and have already taken over forty per cent of the land area and twenty per cent of the industrial capacity of the Nation, riding the backs of the American people as interest free, rent free, cost free and tax free princes of privilege, competing with every American, be he producer or consumer.

To get some idea of the gigantic scale of the conquest of State and private lands already achieved by the Federal Government empire builders, we can turn to the United States Government Organization Manual and find out what the agencies say for themselves.

On page 238 of the Manual for 1955-56, the Forest Service (which is the Agricultural Department) declares that

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it "administers about 188-million acres."

This is an area equal to 8.1 per cent of all the land and water area of the United States and all its Territories and possessions.

On page 203 of the Manual for 1955-56, the Interior Department asserts it has "custody of 750-million acres of land."

This is an area equal to 32.3 per cent of the total land and water area of the United States and all its Territories and possessions.

Thus the land taken over by these two Federal agencies alone equals the combined area of England, Scotland, Wales, Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Germany, Iceland, Denmark, Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Albania, Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Bulgaria.

### Constitutional Amendment

To rid ourselves of the Federal corporate activities, an amendment to the Constitution has been designed to repair the damage done.

It is a proposal which has been introduced into Congress by Representative Ralph W. Gwinn, Republican, of New York. It has been approved by the State of Illinois. More than 6,000 organizations have adopted resolutions of support for it.

This proposed twenty-third amendment is pending in Congress as House Joint Resolution 123 and, with added provisions is also pending as House Joint Resolution 355.

Section One of both resolutions provide: "The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution."

This amendment would stop the political gift of our tax dollars to foreign socialistic and communistic governments, leaving individuals to do this on a voluntary basis if they wish.

By stopping this foreign aid, a tremendous saving to taxpayers would be possible. In 1954 alone the foreign grants and credits amounted to \$4,669,000,000.00.

This amendment would cause the Federal corporate activities to be sold back to the American people. It is estimated that land, buildings and facilities, even under forced sale, would bring better than 50-billion dollars, all of which should be applied to the national debt, particularly as series E and F Bonds would probably be employed to buy those properties.

Retiring 50-billion dollars of the national debt in this way would reduce the taxes required to pay interest on it by \$1,250,000,000.00 per year.

Also, the cost of amortizing that volume of the national debt would no longer exist and this amortization cost, on a 40-year amortizing basis, would save the taxpayers \$1,250,000,000.00 per year.

The average annual losses of the Federal corporate activities during recent years has exceeded ten billion dollars per year. The sale of the Federal corporations would eliminate these losses by eliminating their source, thus saving the taxpayers this amount of taxes every year.

Another important item is the fact that an estimated one million Federal employees apparently do nothing in their official life except provide services without cost to the Federal corporations. They are paid by the general fund, therefore their pay comes directly from taxes.

With the Federal corporate activities sold back to private American enterprise, these employees would be more gainfully employed in such private enterprise. One million pay envelopes containing \$4,000 per year average will not have to be filled with our tax dollars, thus saving the taxpayers four billion dollars per year.

There is one more item. It is estimated that at least \$3.00 worth of goods, services and facilities are required to maintain every dollar of payroll. On this basis, the saving of four billion dollars in payroll will mean a related savings of twelve billion in goods, services and facilities.

Now let's add up these savings possible by enacting the proposed twenty-third amendment:

	Million
The goods, services, and facilities that can be saved.....	\$12,000
The payroll that can be saved each year.....	4,000
The losses that will no longer require tax support.....	10,000
The interest saved.....	1,250
The amortization charge saved.....	1,250
Annual total.....	28,500
Plus the savings resulting from stopping foreign aid.....	4,669
Means a total annual saving to taxpayers of.....	33,169
Compared with the total of individual income taxes collected.....	32,495
Indicates the Federal Government would have a surplus of.....	674

### Individual Income Taxes

By repealing the individual income taxes (1954 level) at the same time the Federal corporate activities are sold back to the American people from whom they were taken.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

### "ARTICLE —

"Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution.

"Section 2. The Constitution or laws of any State, or the laws of the United States shall not be subject to the terms of any foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate this amendment.

"Section 3. The activities of the United States Government which violate the intent and purpose of this amendment shall, within a period of three years from the date of the ratification of this amendment, be liquidated and the properties and facilities affected shall be sold.

"Section 4. Three years after the ratification of this amendment the sixteenth article of amendments to the Constitution of the United States shall stand repealed and thereafter Congress shall not levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts."

lem. It would not only solve the problems of this committee, it would solve a great many of the problems of labor and capital, consumers and producers and certainly the problem of the taxpayers.

There is nothing extraordinary about any of this, for it contemplates only a return to the basic concept which we all regard as truly American. These results can be achieved on the very day we focus our concern about taxes on the task of restoring the private enterprise concept.

On that very day we will also find that a veritable flood of new tax revenues will begin to flow into the Federal Treasury which will enable the Government steadily to retire the national debt, and cut taxes in other areas.

The day we restore private enterprise by removing political competition, every person in the Nation will have more money to spend. Withholding taxes will stop, and each one of us knows exactly what that will mean to each of us personally.

This will not depend on any change in the rate of pay. It only depends on getting the Government back within

constitutional limitations, getting bureaucrats out of competition with our businesses.

### More "Take Home" Pay

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Thus, the Federal Government will receive 15 per cent more from this source than it has in recent years. At the 1954 level, this would mean an increase of \$3,231,900,000.00 each year from this source.

Similarly, the sale of the Federal corporate activities would put about 20

per cent more industrial and business capacity back on the tax rolls to share the burden, and this, at 1954 levels, would mean that this new source of revenue would yield to the Federal Treasury \$4,309,200,000.00 per year.

The foregoing surplus we cited amounted to.....	\$674,000,000
The 15 percent increase in business volume will yield.....	3,231,900,000
The 20 percent increase because of the new taxpayers.....	4,309,200,000
Means the surplus and new tax sources can yield a total based on the 1954 experience.....	8,215,100,000
In 1954 the Federal Government operated at a deficit of.....	3,116,000,000
We can take care of that deficit and still leave the Government.....	5,098,487,000
This is enough to permit the abolition of gift and estate taxes.....	935,000,000
And still leave the Government, based on 1954 experience.....	4,163,487,000

That can be used every year to apply on the national debt, retiring it completely on this scale in much less than fifty years at the maximum.

### Tax Collecting Expenses

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no longer be required to spend, so that could be applied to the national debt.

Then there is the item of postage, which amounts to an estimated forty-million dollars per year just to handle the flood of parcels, booklets and letters relating to collecting the individual income taxes which could be saved.

Then there is the item of printing the tax forms and all the auxiliary items that relate to collecting individual income taxes. This amounts to about 100-million dollars every year.

There is, in those three items, another 340-million dollars to help pay off the debt, stepping up the rate by which we can get back to solvency as a Nation.

All this can be achieved by the enactment of House Joint Resolution 123 or House Joint Resolution 355 as now pending in Congress.

Instead of groaning under an inhuman load of individual income taxes, we could abolish and repeal the individual income tax laws.

Instead of operating the Federal Government at an annual average deficit of 12-billion dollars a year, as we have been doing the last twenty years, we can pay off the national debt at the rate of nearly 5-billion dollars a year while operating on a balanced budget.

Instead of the violent conflict between Government and people regarding which shall own and operate the enterprises created by the people, we will have a government devoted to protecting our lives and properties.

Instead of Government being the greatest pauper in history, it will be returned to a solvent position and will have the affection of the American people returned to it, and the affection of the citizens is the greatest asset any government can possibly possess.

Think of the time, the worry and the money each one of us have been spending to conform to the tax requirements. All this would be saved.

So would the time, money and energy we spend in protective lobbying, special bookkeeping, reporting, accountants' fees, and any number of other costly impositions which now involve us.

Then there is the savings that will result because it will no longer be necessary to ferret out, prosecute, and in-

carcerate those who fail, for any reason, to conform to the more than 400,000 words now in the individual income tax laws.

Every person in the land can think of an infinite variety of other benefits that will come to every one of us on the day we take the Federal agencies out of competition with our individual business enterprises, thus stopping the waste of our tax dollars, letting us use our own earnings in our own way and at our own pleasure by applying the savings in governmental costs to the individual income tax problem.

### Federal Competition

The analysis presented here deals only with the dollars-and-cents elements of the Federal competition with private enterprise and the individual income-tax laws.

It does not take into consideration the advantages to every business when the threat of cost-free, rent-free, tax-free, cutthroat competition is removed.

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not restrained by political strait jackets of competition or the blight of impossible tax burdens.

When the Federal corporate activities are sold back to the American people, tremendous amounts of property will go back on the local, county and State tax rolls. In some areas this will be an item of enormous importance.

In California, for example, Federal agencies own 48 per cent of the land area of the State.

Selling back the property held without constitutional authority would put about 40 per cent more property on the tax rolls to share the burden with the present taxpayers. This will reduce the amount of taxes to be paid by each taxpayer tremendously.

In Nevada, the differences will be even greater as the Federal agencies own and operate 85 per cent of that State.

By returning these vast areas to the

jurisdiction of the States in which they are naturally contained, means that the principle of States' rights will be re-established and the Governor of such a State as Nevada, where he is currently Governor of only 15 per cent of a State, will be Governor of all the State, as was originally intended by the Constitution.

In each State, and in each city, and to each person, the situation differs. But in every instance, without exception, the transfer of these vast empires back to the American people, to be restored to the constitutional protection which the Founding Fathers originally intended for our individual enterprise system, means an infinite variety of benefactions beyond the power of human imagination — just as the Constitution itself held advantages for us far beyond the dream of even those who gave it life.

*It adds up to the simple equation that when we stop political competition with private enterprise, the tax problem will very largely be solved.*

We will at the same time restore the sovereignty of the States, just as the Constitution intended.

It will restore international justice, confidence, honor and integrity.

It will re-establish the American theme of "equal justice under law," with government back at its right job of governing and regulating, protecting our lives and property.

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Gentlemen, I recommend your careful consideration and searching investigation into these possibilities.

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Dr. Malone is pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan. He not only conducts daily radio broadcasts, expounding the Gospel story, but also edits a bimonthly publication, *The Baptist Vision*.

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." Hebrews 11:7.

I WANT YOU to notice especially that there is a man who was successful in the saving of his house.

Another thing of great interest in this verse is the fact that Noah was moved with fear. Noah feared God. He saw things that caused him to be moved with fear.

Sometimes people say that fear is not a good motive for doing anything, but the Bible speaks differently. The Bible tells us that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

I believe it would help every one of us if we could have God put fear in our hearts about the home problem.

When I mentioned speaking on the home, two friends associated with the law enforcement business and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, volunteered to bring along some things which have been taken from teenagers. I have those things with me now.

I don't want to be misunderstood about my feelings toward teenagers. Some of the best Christians I have ever met in my life, some of the best Christians I know right now, are teenage boys and girls.

Some of the most sincere Christians, some of the most humble Christians,

some of the most diligent Christians that I know are Christian boys and girls who are under twenty years of age.

Some of the finest soul winners I have ever known have been teenagers. Some of the best workers in this church, Sunday School, and choir are teenagers.

### Juvenile Delinquents

On the other hand, outside the circle that you and I know, there are hundreds and thousands of teenage boys and girls across America who are living lives worse than the heathenism of Africa and the places where there are no churches and no missionaries and no Gospel.

Some of you folk actually do not know what is going on in this country among our teenagers. Much of it is going on in the public schools where the Bible has been kicked out, where God is laughed at, and where teachers do not know the Son of God as their personal Saviour.

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en or so other things. These things show the trend of the thinking of the teenager.

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You say it is a great problem when 644 teenagers have to be expelled from the public schools. Yes, but I will tell you a worse problem.

What is going to become of them? Where are they going? Who is going to educate them? Who is going to win them to God?

A bigger problem than this is the problem of the mill that continues to grind them out just like those 644. You ask, "What mill is that?" It is the mill of the American home. That is where they come from.

I want you to think about something. God says in His Word that Noah, moved by fear, was instrumental in the salvation of all of his family.

The Bible tells us of a good many men who did not win their families. You say, "They were the heathen men, the unsaved men, the ungodly men."

"Oh, no!"

The Bible tells us of one man after another who was a saved man but could not and did not win his family.

### Lot

I think of Lot. He was a Christian man who made a bad decision. He chose the riches of Sodom rather than to walk with God.

He was a Christian. The New Testament tells us he was saved; the Old Testament tells us he was a Christian, but he lived the kind of life that a Christian man should not live.

When the angels came with the message that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed, Lot said to his daughters, to his sons-in-law, and to his wife, "God is going to destroy this place. Let's get out of here."

The Bible says that his sons-in-law looked at him and laughed at him. Let me tell you, friends, if people are laughing at you today and making fun of the life you live, it is because they know that it is not the right kind of life.

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They know that you are insincere, that you are not all out for God, that you are not what you ought to be. That is the reason they laughed at Lot.

### David

I think of David. David was a Christian. God said on one occasion that David was a man after His own heart.

What about David's family? David lost his family. His children were guilty of every kind of a sin that you can think of, even murder and adultery. They died ignominious, shameful deaths and broke the heart of David. David brought it upon himself; but, remember, David was a Christian man.

May God help you mothers and dads to realize that just because you are a Christian is no sign that all of your children are going to be in heaven.

You can lose every child you have to the devil. You can attend church every Sunday; you can be an officer in the church and lose every child you have.

Some of you in the sound of my voice are having to say "Amen" because you have children lost and out in sin today.

I want you to think at this time of the man in the home. I believe with all my heart that the secret of this lies with the man.

I believe if we could have at the head of every home represented in this church a real man of God with an old-fashioned altar, a really consecrated Christian man, I believe we could have a church that would literally vibrate with the power of God, and we would see thousands of people saved and joining this church all the time.

I say again that I believe the man in the home is the key to this whole thing. The Bible plainly teaches that what you sow in your home you are going to reap in your children.

My friends, maybe some of your own children this morning would give anything in the world if they had a daddy that was a little different from what you are.

Do you know that some of your own children are surprised at you, shocked at you, and embarrassed about you? You are a Christian, but you are a compromising Christian.

Some of your own children have lost respect for you because they know that

you are not real and that you are not genuine.

I want you to notice three things I think ought to be true of every man.

### I. A Man Ought to be Absolutely Honest

First of all, he ought to be absolutely honest. Any man that would ever tell one of his children a lie is not the right kind of man.

Any man who would deceive one of his children in any way whatsoever is a sorry man.

A man that will lie to his children and be dishonest with them is not the kind of man we need at the head of the home in America today. This matter of honesty is important.

Years ago I sat in the First Baptist Church of Romeo, Michigan, in a preachers' meeting. I sat beside a man that I have known for at least twenty years.

This man leaned over to me while the preacher was preaching and said, "Tom, I have to do something I hate to do. I've got to leave before this meeting is over; I've got to go now."

I asked, "Why can't you stay until the meeting is over?"

He replied, "I promised my boy that I would be home to do a certain thing with him which is very important to him, and I've got to be there." He got up and walked out of the church.

A few weeks ago I spoke at a Youth Meeting on a Saturday night where there were several hundred young people. There was one young man who had a great part in the program — he sat on the platform, directed much of the meeting, played a musical instrument, and contributed a great deal to the Youth Rally.

He came up to me and said, "Mr. Malone, you don't know me, do you?"

I replied, "No, I don't."

He gave me his name, and, all of a sudden, it occurred to me that I was talking to the young man who was the son of the preacher who about 19 or

20 years ago said to me, "I made a promise to my boy, and preachers' meeting or no preachers' meeting, I'm not going to break a promise that I made to my son. I have to be honest with him."

The thought came to me, "No wonder that young man stands on the platform, gives a testimony, and takes a place of leadership. No wonder he is a real, genuine, consecrated child of God. No wonder with a father like that!"

Let me tell you, my friends, if you never amount to anything in the world, you be honest with your children. Let them know that you are true-blue.

Sometimes children take things that do not belong to them. If you ever let them take something that doesn't belong to them and get by with it, you are just as big a cheat as they are, and furthermore, you will teach them that it is all right to steal.

If you ever let them run over some other child, and you laugh at them and condone them in it, you are teaching them that it is right to have their way no matter whom it hurts.

God give us men who are honest and real. It doesn't make any difference whether you make a success at business or not; it doesn't make any difference whether you get your name in the paper or not; but it does make a difference whether or not you are honest, true, and sincere in your home.

### II. A Man Ought to be Clean

Second, men need to be clean. God wants clean men — men who think clean, men who talk clean, men who act clean, men who live clean, men who are clean.

I could go over to a nearby city this morning and bring a preacher into this pulpit who could tell you a story that I am about to tell you. He was an eyewitness to the thing I am going to relate to you.

He said that a few years ago he visited in the home of a man in that city and talked with the man about coming to church and about being a Christian.

The man told him that he had a broken home, and that his wife had divorced him and wasn't there. The preacher said, "I want you to be saved and to come to church."

The man said, "I'm not coming. I used to go; in fact, I used to be a dea-

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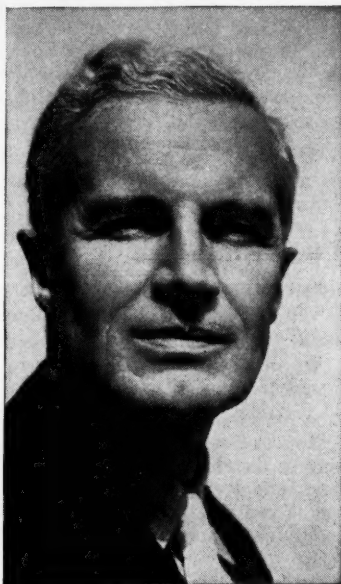
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summer home, my Cadillacs, my Winter-long vacations and my sense of independence—behind all the wealth of cash and deep inner satisfaction that I enjoy—there is one simple secret. It is this secret that I would like to impart to you. If you are satisfied with a humdrum life of service to another master, turn this page now—read no more. If you are interested in a fuller life, free from bosses, free from worries, free from fears, read further. This message may be meant for you.

By Victor B. Mason

I am printing my message in a magazine. It may come to the attention of thousands of eyes. But of all those thousands, only a few will have the vision to understand. Many may read; but of a thousand only you may have the intuition, the sensitivity, to understand that what I am writing may be intended for you—may be the tide that shapes your destiny, which, taken at the crest, carries you to levels of independence beyond the dreams of avarice.

Don't misunderstand me. There is no mysticism in this. I am not speaking of occult things; of innumerable laws of nature that will sweep you to success without effort on your part. That sort of talk is *rubbish*! And anyone who tries to tell you that you can *think* your way to riches without effort is a false friend. I am too much of a realist for that. And I hope you are.

I hope you are the kind of man—if you have read this far—who knows that anything worthwhile has to be *earned*! I hope you have learned that there is no reward without effort. If you have learned this, then you may be ready to take the next step in the development of your karma—you may be ready to learn and use the secret I have to impart.

## I Have All The Money I Need

In my own life I have gone beyond the need of money. I have it. I have gone beyond the need of gain. I have two businesses that pay me an income well above any amount I have need for. And, in addition, I have the satisfaction—the deep satisfaction—of knowing that I have put more than three hundred other men in businesses of their own. Since I have no need for money, the greatest satisfaction I get from life, is sharing my secret of personal independence with others—seeing them achieve the same heights of happiness that have come into my own life.

Please don't misunderstand this statement. I am not a philanthropist. I believe that charity is something that no proud man will accept. I have never seen a man who was worth his salt who would accept

something for nothing. I have never met a highly successful man whom the world respected who did not sacrifice something to gain his position. And, unless you are willing to make at least half the effort, I'm not interested in giving you a "leg up" to the achievement of your goal. Frankly, I'm going to charge you something for the secret I give you. Not a lot—but enough to make me believe that you are a little above the fellows who merely "wish" for success and are not willing to sacrifice something to get it.

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## Are You Mechanically Inclined?

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con in the church." He shook his head and said, "I'm not coming to church."

The preacher said, "Friend, if you used to be a Christian; if you think that you used to be saved; if you used to be a deacon and a member of a church, why are you so stubborn and so headstrong, and why have you made up your mind that you are not going to attend church again?"

"I can't do it; I can't do it, preacher," he said. "I can't come to church again."

The preacher said, "Friend, I know that God can meet your need. God loves you, so do I and I want to help you. Why won't you come?"

After a few minutes, he said, "I'm going to show you why." He went over to a bedroom door and opened the door.

He called into the room and said, "Come here, Son." He took by the hand a sixteen year old boy and led him over to the preacher.

There was a retarded boy with the marks of sin all over him. There was a boy with the mentality of a two or three year old child.

Then the man said, "Preacher, I'm not coming to your church because I would never bring a boy like this and come to church, but I want you to go back and tell the men of your church:

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The preacher said that he walked out of that house with the fear of God in his soul and with a broken heart over that man.

My friends, God needs clean men in the homes in America; and unless God can have clean men, we will have a dirty nation, dirty churches, and juvenile delinquents by the multiplied thousands.

What are you doing to save your house? Some of you don't even bring your children to church. You bring them once a week and you are too lazy to get up and get them ready the rest of the time, so you leave them at home.

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Men, you are going to have the kind of child that you are a man. Your influence is counting either for God or against Him in the lives of your children.

I read some time ago of a boy who woke up in the night screaming. His father rushed into the bedroom and asked, "Son, what in the world is wrong with you?"

The son, shaking like a leaf, sat up

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in the bed and replied, "Daddy, I had the worst dream I ever had in my life."

"What did you dream?"

"Daddy, I don't want to tell you. You'll be hurt."

"No, Son, tell me what you dreamed."

"Daddy, I don't know why, but I dreamed that you came into my bedroom tonight while I was sleeping and you climbed upon top of the bed, got astride my body, and put your hands around my throat and that you were choking the life out of me.

"I awoke with the most awful horror that I have ever had in my life. I dreamed that you were trying to kill me; you were choking me; you were trying to destroy me."

That dad was not the right kind of man, and he knew it. He said, "Son, I will see you in the morning."

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knees and prayed, "Oh God, the dream my boy had tonight is the truth. I am ruining him; I am destroying him; I'm not a clean man; I'm not an honest man; my influence is not for God and for the church and for my family.

"Oh God," he prayed, "have mercy on me." He poured out his heart to God and got right with God.

### A Happy Home

Friends, everything is big in your life in your home. There are no little things.

We need mothers and fathers in our homes today who don't fuss and fight all the time.

You can serve on a board, you can sing in the choir, you can teach a Sunday School class, or you can preach; but if you and your wife don't have a family altar and an atmosphere of love, peace and tranquility, don't you ever expect your children to turn out well, for they won't.

If your Christianity doesn't give you a happy home, I wouldn't give you a nickle for it.

If you can't live for God in your home and convince your family that you are a real Christian, you can't convince anybody else.

If you can't defeat the devil between the four walls of your own home, you can't defeat him anywhere.

We need Sunday School teachers who are not subject to and addicts to the cigarette.

There are a lot of things worse than smoking. Smoking never sent anybody to hell. But let me tell you, if you smoke cigarettes and beat your boy for smoking them, you are a humbug. You are not real and genuine.

If you do something and tell your boy it is wrong to do it, you are a hypocrite. You may say, "I don't have to listen to that kind of preaching." You do if you come here.

### A Strong Church

Let me tell you, I want a large church; I want to see every man, woman, boy and girl saved I can possibly see. I believe if God can have His way, He will give us a church overrun with people.

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God give us men — men who are honest, not liars; men who are clean, not dirty; men with good influence, not the wrong influence.

Men, now is the time to be somebody. You say, "My children are little children." I know they are.

Let me tell you something that happened seventeen or eighteen years ago when I was pastor of another church.

I went into the home of a man and talked to him about his soul. He said, "No, Mr. Malone, I am not going to be saved now; I'm not ready. I will let you know."

The next Sunday morning when the invitation was given in the church, that man came down the aisle. He put both arms around my neck, hugged me to him, shed tears, and said, "Tom, I want to get right with God."

I called him by his name and said, "I'm so glad you came, but I will be honest with you in saying that I did not expect you to come this morning."

He said, "Tom, after you left my home the other night, my little five-year-old boy climbed up in my lap. He had heard what you said to me.

"He reached out his chubby arms, put them around my neck, hugged me real tight, put his little mouth up to my ear and whispered, 'Daddy, we don't want to be a Christian, do we?'"

"I sent him upstairs to bed, and then I said, 'Oh God, if I am damning the soul of my little boy, I want to get right the first service I can get in.' That's why I came this morning."

### First Things First

Listen, men, a man who does not come to prayer meeting is one who is saying to his family that prayer meeting is not important.

A man who never reads the Book of God in his home is one who is saying to his family that the Bible is not important.

A man who won't tithe his income is saying to his children, the church of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not important.

A man who won't go visiting is saying to his family, the souls of men are not important.

Men, if your life doesn't back up what you profess, your children know it. They love you, but they know that you are not real.

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They know you are not genuine; they know that you are not 36 inches to the yard; they know you are not 16 ounces to the pound; they know you are not 12 inches to the foot.

### The Key

I've heard men say, "I would be a better man if my wife were a better Christian."

I don't believe that. I'm not a psychologist, but I think I know a little something about human nature.

You show me a man who is sold out to God one hundred per cent; you show me a man that will put God first in his home; you show me a man who will put the Word of God, and soul winning, and clean, holy living first in his life, and I will show you a woman who will love him and say, "I'll follow him to the ends of the earth."

It's up to you, men. You are the key; you are the answer. What kind of a man are you? Every man ought to be a real, genuine Christian in all the things I have mentioned.

Dr. Truett preached one Sunday morning in the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. As he preached he saw a man 64 years of age who had recently been saved lay his head over on the bench in front of him and sob like a baby.

When the service was over, Dr. Truett went to him and said, "Sir, you are troubled, aren't you?"

"Yes," he said. "My heart is broken; I need help."

Dr. Truett asked, "What's wrong? Weren't you recently saved?"

"Yes," the man replied, "I was recently saved, baptized, and I joined the church. I know I am on my way to heaven."

"Why do you weep?"

"I'm concerned about my family. I came this morning by the house of two of my sons.

"I said to my sons, 'Won't you come to church with me today?' Both of my sons replied, 'Not now, Dad, maybe when we get 64.'"

He went on. "I turned to my grandchildren and said, 'Grandchildren, won't you go to church with your Grandpa? I want you to be Christians. I've been saved; I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too!'"

"One of my grandchildren turned to another, winked and said, 'Grandfather, maybe when we get 64 we'll be a Christian too.'"

My friends, now is the time. This is the place; this is God's hour.

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"The purpose of this letter is to ask you if you could possibly help me to buy an artificial leg so that I can walk and be able to work to support my destitute children. Please don't close your heart to my appeal. May God bless you for all your good work for your less fortunate brothers. You may be sure that everything I have written you is absolutely true. God knows that I tell the truth, and I am sure that He will take care of me and prompt you to help me. With much love in Christ, Emmanuel Kounelakis."

Not a word of complaint — just a request to be allowed to work, and an expression of faith in God. What can one do but bow one's head and ask the Lord to comfort, bless and relieve this poor man in his sorrow and need? At the same time we should ask the Lord to show us what we should do to answer our own prayers — and his. Of course, lepers cannot work outside, but sometimes there is work available in the Leper Home. Let us gladden this dear brother's heart by enabling him to secure the artificial leg he so urgently needs to enable him to do productive work once more.

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# Divine Healing Today

Merle E. Parker, D.D.

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**I** ONCE HEARD an evangelist say, "Those who deny the reality of Divine Healing are not prejudiced; they are simply ignorant." His remark was not intended to insult anyone. He was stating what to him was a basic and fundamental fact.

Certainly there are many millions of people who may take issue with such a blunt and bold statement, but what does an impartial and unbiased study of Divine Healing disclose to us?

It was the impelling desire to find the answer to the ever-increasing debate over this subject that led me to start my search for facts about Divine Healing and miracles more than a dozen years ago.

By 1952 I had accumulated enough evidence, reports, books and documents to compel me to conclude that those who claim they are healed miraculously, and often instantly, are not self-deluded, but have actually and literally experienced the power of the living God which the Master of Galilee demonstrated so long ago, and which He said is available to those who believe.

Whatever you and I may think about Divine Healing, we are certainly faced with the fact that it is something we should not ignore, if we are sincere in our efforts to commune with and to try to understand God better.

Opponents of the doctrine of Divine Healing frequently argue that too many of the followers of the healing evangelists come "just for the loaves and the fishes;" meaning they are only after the physical blessings, while ignoring the deeper and more lasting blessings which communion with our Lord can bring.

While I would not say this is not true in some cases, I wonder if Jesus would have withheld this part of His ministry just because He knew the sick and suffering flocked about Him only to re-

ceive what He could give them in physical blessings?

The Bible bears record that He healed many, and though the Scripture does not specifically account for each one, it is certainly evident that those He healed did not all return to the Christian faith after the crucifixion.

We must, therefore, conclude that many in His day also came "just for the loaves and the fishes."

It should be noted that many "big name" denominations today pray for the sick. How many are healed through prayer will never be known with any degree of accuracy.

In my own life I have had many experiences which convince me that Divine Healing, through devout prayer, is a reality.

## Personal Testimony

My first experience, which demonstrated clearly to me how the Power of God protects those who earnestly seek Him in times of stress and danger, came at the age of six. I knew little or nothing about prayer, but I did know about God.

At the time this event occurred, my parents lived on the rocky coast of northern California, near the town of Fort Bragg.

About a mile from our home was a private beach hemmed in by thick brush and scrub pines on one side and

cliffs fifty feet high on the other. The only entrance to this beach was by way of a trail through the brush.

Every afternoon I went alone to play on this beach or gather sea shells, which lay in abundance along the shore.

On the day of the event which was to have a life-long influence upon me, someone had set fire to some logs near the water's edge.

As I played in my little world of make believe, the wind from the sea flicked the flames from the logs into some of the brush.

I paid little heed to the blazing scrub pines until I suddenly realized the sun was almost ready to dip into the sea.

The tide had been rising steadily for two hours. I recalled then that my mother had told me to come home early because the high tide was due just before sunset.

As I turned to leave, I stood petrified as I saw the hot flames engulfing the little trail which led to the highway a thousand feet away.

By this time the water was lapping at the edges of the outermost part of the cliffs on the north side of the beach. The flames extended to the water's edge on the south. To the east lay the burning scrub pines.

I did not cry. I suppose I was just too frightened to find any tears. I looked at those jagged cliffs. Then I looked westward to the vast expanse of ocean spreading on and on into eternity, it seemed.

Each wave seemed to reach closer as though eager to grasp my tiny body and carry it out into the foaming tide. I crept to the rocky ledge and looked up. I clutched at the perpendicular wall. Then I prayed.

It wasn't a fancy prayer. I didn't know any fancy prayers. But it was sincere and simple, like Peter's prayer of old when he was sinking upon the water and cried out, "Lord, save me!"

"God, help me get out," I sobbed. "God, help me get out!"

Some may say it was the wind I heard as it whispered through the burning pine trees; or the wash of the waves on the shore; but whatever it may have been, to me it spoke in a clear and unmistakable voice:

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I hesitated. Then I grasped a tiny piece of brush extending from a crevice in the rocks. I pulled. My body seemed amazingly light, and the brush held my weight. I put my foot against the side of the cliff. I pulled again and raised myself a few inches up the rocky wall.

I reached up again and dug my tiny fingers into the crevices in the rock. Inch by inch I pulled and tugged my way upward, while all the time from "somewhere" seemed to come the constant words of encouragement, "Keep climbing!"

The next day my father and some other men examined the cliff I had climbed and they said, "Impossible!" But is anything impossible to God?

Marks on the cliff showed that the water had, indeed, reached one of the highest tides of the year, a full three feet high at the base of the cliffs I had climbed to safety the night before!

Although I have had numerous experiences through the years which clearly demonstrated to me the ever present hand of God, none impressed me half so much as that first answer to prayer when I was a tiny boy caught between the roaring flames and the hungry sea.

Physical healing has become as common in my life as visits to the doctor's office are to millions of others.

I do not mean by that to imply that I ever neglect to give thanks to the God I love when I have received the benefits of His healing hand.

Indeed, there is never a day goes by that I do not pause many times in prayerful gratitude for the security and strength I feel because of knowing He is ever near me.

When I say that physical healing has become common in my life, I mean that the experiences I have had now number into many dozens, and perhaps even hundreds, if I count the little cuts, bruises, etc., which would send many another rushing to his doctor for a tetanus shot.

#### God Answers Prayer

It is not only my own experiences which have strengthened my faith in God. Several years ago I began my teaching ministry, and since then I have received literally thousands of letters testifying to the truth of the healing power of God, and His nearness to



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Sometimes I am asked if I think God will heal those who deliberately misuse or abuse their bodies. My answer is, "Yes, providing they sincerely repent of the wrongs they have done, and resolve to change their actions."

God can only heal a truly repentant person. God never fails; it is man who fails, in that he is rushing around so fast he doesn't take time to listen to God.

Someone has said that the reason more people don't receive answers to prayer is because they don't stop long enough after they pray to wait for God's reply.

I know from personal experience that God does not always answer at once. This is especially true when our problem is a big one.

On one occasion, when I was attacked by certain forces which objected to what I teach, I prayed for three days before I got an answer. But when the answer did come, it was the right answer.

In a home study course which I prepared several years ago especially for people to whom the doctrines and practice of Divine Healing are new, I set forth in as simple language as possible the seemingly complex principles involved in building the kind of faith Jesus meant when He said: "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22)

The course is entitled, "The Sacred Laws Behind Miracles." More than 20-thousand copies of this Course have been distributed since 1953, and two large file cabinets in my office hold the letters which men and women have written to me expressing joyful thanks for what they learned.

The donations sent by students of this Course helped to build the large temple building and administration headquarters of the Foundation for Divine Meditation Incorporated.

The National Institute of Christian Healing is part of this organization. Plans for a children's home and academy are under way now.

All of the obstacles have not been removed, but each one in turn has yielded in the past, and those which remain will be swept aside one by one, as God points the way.

When you and I decide to enter Partnership with God, we cannot fail, for one on God's side is a majority.

## BUYING POWER

Never in the history of organized society has a nation, however powerful, staggered under the debt this nation faces. The amount is so vast we cannot understand it. Every living person in our country owes \$5,000 to the unbelievable waste of the men they elected to serve them and preserve their freedom and institutions.

Is this gargantuan throwing about of the assets of our people based on the philosophy that the spenders may buy anything they wish merely by the passing of money?

Is it based on the theory that with money we can buy friendships? Buy honesty? Buy right?

Or does it not have as its basis the pump-priming efforts of the New Deal on an international basis?

We are now being told of a new scheme called the Marshall Plan for Asia.

Is it possible that we are now trying to purchase the friendship of our friends in Asia?

Has not the expenditure of fifty billions of dollars since the Second World War convinced our leaders that this policy has failed?

We can *not* buy friendships.

We can *not* buy loyalty.

We can *not* buy for another a life he refuses.

In too many cases, their world is not a part of our world and their land is not a continuation of our land.

They do not wish to work and live as we work and live.

In a word, they wish to live their own lives.

As the Congress goes about its work in Washington, it might well take a prolonged and sober look at our spending, its effect and where it is leading us.

Certainly it is not making for a stronger America and any school boy knows that to live and win life's battle, one must have, above all, strength.

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**WARNER SALLMAN** was born in Chicago, Illinois April 30, 1892 of Swedish and Finnish parents, who reared him in the Christian faith.

As a very young lad he dreamed of becoming a doctor, later he favored the ministry, but he became an artist.

At an early age he manifested an active interest in drawing and painting, and his father and mother, recognizing the talent the boy possessed, encouraged him.

His interest in religious art manifested itself when he was very young. The attic studio which his father had devised in their home became a place of enchantment for him.

It was here at the age of ten, he attempted his first oil painting. This he brought with him to school and was overjoyed when his teacher found it worthy of displaying to the other members of the staff. During school days he made classroom charts, mottoes and posters in pen and ink as well as color work.

After graduation he apprenticed in local studios while attending night school classes in the Chicago Art Institute. Here he became a protege of the noted Spanish War newspaper illustrator, Walter Marshall Cluett and was granted the only certificate ever given for evening school work in the history of the Institute up to that time.

### God Intervenes

In 1912 he set out for New York to make a mark for himself in the big city, an adventure which lasted only a few weeks. He became ill and had to spend several days in his room at the Y.M.C.A.

When he was able to be out again he found that his trunk which contained, among other things, his art materials and precious samples, had not been delivered.

After several unsuccessful attempts to find his trunk at the railroad station, he visited several art studios and presented his case. Many of them were in-

terested but promised nothing until he could produce samples of his work.

One studio, convinced of his ability, offered him a position as its representative in England. While he was pondering this matter, two communications arrived from Chicago, one was a letter from his father urging him not to accept the offer to England, the other contained an attractive offer from a Chicago studio.

Convinced that these messages held his answer, he decided to return to his home city. Before leaving he made one more attempt to locate his missing trunk.

Due to his insistence, he was permitted to accompany the railway agent into a shed where trunks were piled high, row upon row. In a far corner of the room, as though concealed with a purpose, was his trunk.

*Had it been found earlier, his story may have been very different.*

In the years that followed, Warner Sallman was affiliated with various studios until he established one of his own. During this time he married Miss Ruth Edith Anderson on May 31, 1916.

### A Period of Testing

A period of severe testing came to them during the first years of their marriage.

One evening in the spring of 1917 Sallman was told he had tuberculosis in the glands of his neck, and that probably he would have but three months to live. Reluctantly he broke the news to his young wife.

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did. A remarkable restoration to health followed and the recovery seemed like a miracle, although it was progressive rather than instantaneous.

In the early twenties Sallman became acquainted with a number of men who did a great deal to influence his thinking. Through these and many other experiences, God was at work in the life of Warner Sallman preparing him for the creation of the much-beloved picture which was drawn in the winter of 1924.

### The Birth of a Painting

For about a month Warner Sallman had been faced with an assignment which to him was very special. He was to design the cover page for the February issue of a denominational magazine.

Tomorrow was the deadline and he was not prepared to meet it. He had attempted sketch after sketch but none of these satisfied him.

It was after midnight when he thought that perhaps a new day would bring fresh inspiration and went to bed, but not to sleep.

The clock was nearing two when suddenly and vividly there appeared to his mind's eye a picture. How clear it was!

Impelled by the revelation, he hastened out of bed, sat down at his board and made a three-inch thumb-nail sketch of what he had envisaged.

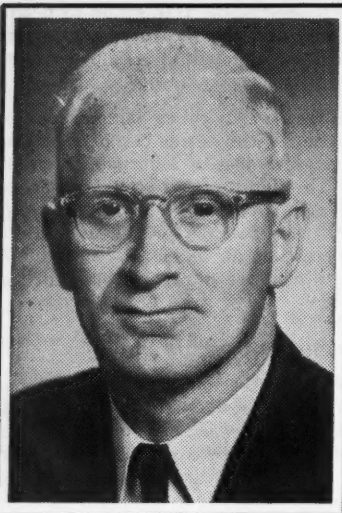
So it was that in the quiet hours of the early January night in 1924, Warner Sallman created his original portrayal of Christ which is known and loved the world over.

Strange as it may seem, the picture did not gain wide recognition until about 1933. With the mounting interest also came an ever-growing need for color reproduction and late in 1940, Mr. Sallman painted the "Head of Christ" in oils.

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To this end, every Communist has labored since the days of Karl Marx until now, and of it every Communist has sung "The International Soviet shall be the human race."

If nothing occurs to upset their timetable, they hope to be ready in 1970 to complete the fulfillment of their prophecy made to the Russian Communist Youth Congress in 1922:

"Revolution is coming in Europe as well as in America, systematically, step by step, stubbornly and with gnashing of teeth in both camps. It will be long, protracted, cruel and sanguinary."

Every American should remind themselves daily that this is a period when the Communist strategists have openly admitted to themselves that they dare not risk a major war with the West.

By 1970 they think they will be suf-

ficiently industrialized to not only risk all-out war, but aggressively promote it.

Free men everywhere should remind themselves that the Communists will only strike when they feel sure of victory, and strong enough to bring devastation to the non-Communist world.

Several years ago, there fell into the hands of our American government some secret documents, which contained the Communist timetable for world revolution. They went as follows:

### Asia

1. "Japan and India must become part of the Communist sphere of influence by 1962. By 1962, China's military, economic and industrial power will be so developed that with a mere show of force by the Soviet Union in China, the ruling clique of Japan will capitulate, and a peaceful revolution will take place. In the case of India, only peaceful means should be adopted. Any employment of force will alienate ourselves from the Arabic countries and Africa, because India is considered our friend. East Asia will fall only under threat or by military coup."

It is well here to take into consideration the fact that the only strong leadership outside of Nehru in India is his daughter and son-in-law, who are both

members in powerful positions in the Communist Party of that country, and should Nehru die or resign, they could well be the next leadership of the millions of India, and unite it to the Communist world orbit.

In regard to Asia, we must remember that early this spring saw the rise of the Asio-African bloc, which now has powerful broadcasting stations and billions of dollars to carry on their Soviet propaganda campaign among illiterate people of these two continents, welding them together into a powerful revolutionary corps with the cry of "Throw off the yoke of colonialism and destroy the Capitalist imperialists."

### Africa

2. "All of Africa should be prepared for a Communist coup by 1965. After India has been won over, the problem of the Philippines and the Arabic countries can easily be solved by economic cooperation, alliances, united fronts and coalition. This task may be completed in 1965. Then a wave of revolution will sweep over the whole continent of Africa, and the imperialists and the colonizers will be quickly driven into the sea."

It may be well here again to consider the fact of the upheaval of the Indonesian Islands, which is driving the Dutch and Americans out.

Also, the new Arabic Federation of Nations, which Nassar has organized in the Middle East.

Also the Mau Mau revolt and the growing unrest throughout the continent of Africa, which shows that the spark of revolution now is being fanned into a destructive flame.

### Europe

3. "All of Europe should fall to Communist domination after the winning of Africa. With Asia and Africa disconnected with the Capitalist countries in Europe, there will be total economic collapse in Western Europe. Their capitulation will be a matter of course."

We already see the seeds of economic collapse in the general recession which is taking place in the world, and with many of the allied countries turning to the Soviet Union and her satellites for

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#### America

4. "No war with the United States until after 1970. The United States must be isolated by all possible means. Britain must be placated by being convinced that there is a possibility of settling the major issues between the East and West, and that the Communist and Capitalist countries can live in peace. Opportunities for trade will have a great influence on the British mind. We must be on guard against the possibility that the United States will choose to have war. The defensive and offensive preparations of the Soviet Union and China must therefore be completed before 1970."

The straw is already in the wind in regards to this action, in the continual peace overtures and calls for summit meetings which are coming weekly from Khrushchev of Russia — especially in their latest bid calling for the outlawing of nuclear weapons, and their willingness (supposedly) to take the first step.

In Britain already we see a strong turning in the political tide toward the British Labor Party, which calls for closer ties with Russia, and along with this, we see the new government in Canada, which is moving away from the close friendship that we enjoyed in the past, and is looking for new outlets for their goods in Red China and in the Soviet satellite countries.

#### Economic Collapse

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We must outlaw it at home; and we can too, weaken and destroy its influence abroad.

We must strengthen our free enterprise system, and adjust our people to a more sane economy than that of the ancient Romans who cried: "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die."

If we are to win the fight in the twelve short years which lie ahead, we must come to the realization that the price of liberty is not one of rose-strewn paths, but one of blood and sweat and tears—one which our founding fathers saw clearly when they pledged their lives and fortunes and their sacred honor to the task of bringing liberty to our land.

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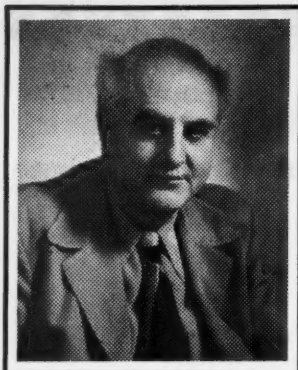
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**T**HE WORDS "Religion Without God" caught my eye as I glanced at the cover of a recent number of a certain secular magazine.

My curiosity was aroused and I invested forty cents in the publication. The article was very illuminating. It was written by one of the leading modernist preachers of America.

The article dealt with a new thing called *humanism*, which has become popular during recent months.

This is a great age for slogans and catch phrases. Everyone is familiar with such American classics as the terms "Whoopie," "Jazz" and "Taboo."

Unfortunately, jazz has not been confined to the social realm, but has invaded the field of religion. Humanism is a religious jazz. When men want to make "Whoopie" out of religion, they call it "Humanism."

A new "denomination" called Humanism was launched recently, with headquarters in New York City. Thus the humanist is trying to dignify his infidelity by operating it as a religion.

The new denomination was launched by a man who was once a Baptist preacher. Later he became identified with the Unitarians and finally became a Universalist.

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Humanism is not new. It is the same lie that brought about the collapse of Eden. The purpose of Humanism is to rule the transcendent God out of our thinking, and to destroy faith in everything supernatural.

This was the method of the serpent when he tempted Eve. He said: "You don't need a God. The God idea is outworn. What you must have is a new conception of God. The latest scholarship demands a new God idea! *Be your own God.* Yield to temptation and ye shall be as gods."

Did you ever hear anybody talk that way in the Twentieth Century?

So the question arises — Can there be religion without God? The human race has experimented along these lines since the day the serpent tempted Eve.

Humanism says with much gusto that one can be religious without God. It complains that we have outgrown the God described in the Bible.

Modern scholarship tells us that man made God in his own image and that man evolved on the scenes before the God idea evolved.

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Thus the idea of God came through man's perverted imagination and the time has come for rational beings to break the fetters of superstition, realize their own self-importance and be their own God. "Ye shall be as gods." This, I say, was the lie of Eden.

Not a few scholars say that the time has come for modern scholarship to evolve a new God. This was the position that a university professor took while addressing a recent session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, when he said that the day had come for science to produce a new God by laboratory experimentation.

You would think, to hear these men talk, that you could make gods like you can make Buddhas for incense burners!

## The Serpent

Before the fall of man, Satan was a beautiful and alluring creature. It is said that he was the most subtle beast of the field.

He possessed sparkling beauty. He understood and could speak the language of Eden. He belonged to the animals, but occupied a position between the highest animals and the human kingdom.

He was not a hideous, repulsive, venomous creature before the fall but, on the contrary, he possessed great charm and beauty.

He watched until such a time as Eve was alone and away from Adam. It was then that he enticed her through the Garden towards the tree, which was in the midst of Eden.

As we read the story of the fall of man in the book of Genesis, we observe that this beautiful creature laid every detail of the plot in advance, with great care.

Every suggestion and urge toward sin and indulgence was provided at exactly the right time, in order to accomplish the object which the serpent had in view.

As Eve was being enticed toward the tree, no doubt the thought presented itself as to why God should have stationed it at such a distance. Why the great distance between it and the other trees

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of which they might partake at their pleasure? Perhaps this led to a foolish curiosity to examine carefully the forbidden object.

She suffered the serpent to allure her to a fatal spot. She entered the devil's territory when she consented to respond to the Satanic suggestion.

Had Eve avoided the vicinity of the tree, she could never have fixed the gaze upon it which ruined her and the human race. Many of her descendants have brought about their own downfall by lingering on the borders of wrong doing.

As she stood near the tree, the serpent approached and began to talk to her. We see that she was not startled by the occurrence and this directs us to understand that intelligent communication had existed between man and the serpent before.

One writer says: "It is an interesting fact that in that remarkable sculptor, Osiris at Phylie, the oldest survival representing the fall of man, Eve is seen offering the fruit to Adam. The tree is between them and the serpent stands in an erect posture."

According to Isaiah 14:29, the serpent had wings before the fall. He could spread his wings and fly. He could fold them under himself and stand erect. He was the pet of the Garden.

He was pleasant to look upon. His eyes twinkled with mirth. His very gaze was refreshing. The beautiful scales on his body probably glistened in the sunlight like burnished gold.

Playfully, innocently, happily, he mingled with the other animals and the progenitors of the race. Little did Eve know that a powerful enemy lurked behind the sparkling eyes and humorous countenance of the flying pet of the Garden.

The serpent was the most intelligent and the most companionable of all the animals. In every way it was the most fitted for pleasing her eye and attracting her attention.

### The Temptation

"Can it be true that God has said that ye shall not eat of any tree in this beautiful Garden?" the serpent asked.

Simple as such a question would appear at first sight, it was full of fascinating guile and it was tactfully adapted to the purpose of disturbing the moral being of Eve and thus preparing the way for the temptation that was to follow.

The tempter appears innocent and affects to think that she refrains from

partaking of the fruit because God has arbitrarily forbidden it. So his skillfully prepared question opens the way for the balance of the conversation that followed.

It throws her off her guard by his assumed ignorance. It puts him in the position of wanting to be informed and this probably tends to stir up her vanity.

Notice carefully that in the conversation he uses the term *Elohim* instead of the covenant name Jehovah. When he refers to God, he mentions Him as the Creator in the remote past, and as One Who has perhaps little concern in present problems.

He does not use the covenant name Jehovah because Satan had rejected the blood atonement which had been fore-ordained before the foundation of the world.

The question also implies the possibility that God did not really forbid Adam and Eve to partake of that particular thing. It also hints that possibly God was mistaken if He did.

"Can it be true that God has forbidden you?" The question had its desired effect, because instead of Eve rebuking the serpent, Eve answered its question.

She reminded the serpent that God had said: "Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

It will be observed that her answer was an exaggeration, which is indicative of secret discontent, for God had not forbidden that the fruit should be touched. He had only forbidden to eat it. Exaggerations are frequently an indication of moral weakness.

It will be noticed also that she uses the term, "Lest ye die." This is a weakening of the language which God had used, for He had said: "Thou shalt surely die."

So we see that doubt had already blinded her mind and the temptation was having the desired effect. The serpent came back with his deliberate lie and said: "Ye shall not surely die. Ye shall be as gods."

This is the same lie that the devil is using today. He hypnotizes people into believing that they can sin and get by with it, that they can sin and not pay for it. "Ye shall not surely die. Ye shall be as gods." The idea of "Religion Without God" is not new.

### Conspiracy to Dethrone God

It was not so long ago that France said that it would drive the God idea from its borders. It tried to establish a religion without God. It took a wom-

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Different methods to dethrone God are being used in different parts of the world.

### Russian Atheism

Russia tried to dethrone God a few years ago. Right now, the government is persecuting all persons who dare to profess belief in the existence of a Supreme Being.

A course in atheism is being taught to children in the grade schools of Russia, so they can go home and teach the atheistic ideas of the government to their parents.

I read a report recently about one of the latest methods that has been invented for destroying Christians — frequently when a Christian is found worshipping God secretly, he is compelled by officials to dig his own grave and is buried alive.

But Russia is finding that when she dethroned God, she also dethroned her home. No civilization can stand without home.

When she dethroned God, she dethroned morality and marriage. Today we witness the harvest of immorality in that nation.

It is reported that there are four million waifs running wild like animals, without father, mother or home. To provide and care for these waifs offers one of the government's most difficult problems.

When you break down the thought of God, you take the clamps and restrictions off of the human conscience. There is nothing that can cultivate the conscience except the knowledge that some day we will give an account to a just God for the deeds done in the body.

*Destroy the idea of God and you destroy the conscience. Destroy the conscience and you open the flood-gates of immorality. Open the flood-gates of immorality and you destroy the nation.*

### Pushing God Back

The atheist does not like to admit it but his atheism is really his religion. Atheism is a religion. When a man says he is an atheist, it is at once evident that he has a religious instinct which, unwittingly, he is trying to satisfy with a negation.

Atheism is a "Religion Without God." One has to be very religious to take the trouble to deny it. I am thinking of the young man who said: "I am an atheist and I thank God for it."

If one can make himself believe that there is no God, he can justify himself for every sinful indulgence and gloat over the fact that he will never be brought into judgment for his sins.

When the evolutionists succeed in putting God on a vacation for seventeen billion years, they have accomplished the same objective.

One of the purposes of Humanism is to push God back into the millions of years past, or into a bank of fire-mist, where He cannot possibly get at us in this, the year 1930.

### "Scientific" Reasoning

Careful scientists agree that there must be an infinite Mind and infinite Creator back of all material things, but He is so far back that He must be ruled out of our thinking.

This was the trick of the serpent in conversation with Eve, when he used the creative name Elohim for God, instead of the covenant name, Jehovah.

The scientist studies atoms and contemplates they are made of positive and negative charges of electricity called electrons and protons. Back of them there must be an infinite intelligence.

He contemplates that electricity is an enigma. We know how to get electricity, but we do not know what it is. Back of it there must be an infinite intelligence.

With his microscope he studies the processes of life, and since his microscope cannot make life visible to the natural eye, he concludes that back of it there must have been an infinite intelligence.

He studies the cosmic ray and the x-ray, and since these are mysteries, he concludes that back of them there must be an infinite intelligence.

He applies the same principle to force, motion, energy and the fact of law and order in the universe, and says back of these there must be an infinite intelligence.

### The Transcendent God

The conclusion is therefore reached that God is in the processes, that God is unwrapping, unfolding and unraveling and manifesting Himself in the atom, electricity, life, energy, law and order. Thus they affect to put God in the process of nature.

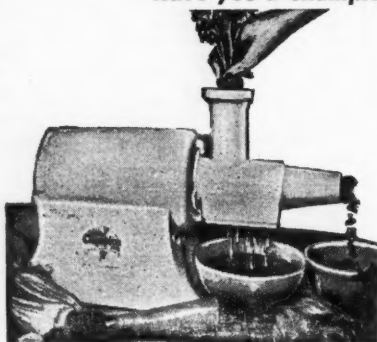
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a Personality and, as such, He is removed from this mundane creation, as I am a personality removed from my child, who is also a personality.

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One of the blunders of modern scholarship is that it is trying to discover God. I talked with a college professor recently who said if he could discover truth, he would believe.

I told him that he would never discover truth. He said that if he could discover God, he would believe. I told him that he would never discover God.

Scholars have a silly notion that somehow by more laboratory experimentation and scientific investigation they will eventually discover God. God is not discovered — He is revealed.

As the transcendent Supreme Being, in Whose nature there are embodied all the qualities of personality, God is removed from the natural processes of creation but manifests Himself through supernaturalism.

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God has revealed Himself in His supernatural Book.

### Revealed in His Son

He has also revealed Himself in His Son. More than three hundred prophecies in the Old Testament were fulfilled in the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

It has been remarked that if one such prophecy had been fulfilled, that that would be sufficient argument for the deity of Christ.

Micah, for instance, named the town in which Jesus would be born, and said: "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Isaiah predicted that He would be born of a Virgin, and Luke, a physician, tells us that the prophecy came true.

Zechariah announced the sum of

money that His betrayer would receive for delivering Christ to His enemies, as thirty pieces of silver, the very amount which was paid Judas for his ignoble deed.

It has been pointed out that David prophesied that the Redeemer would die on a cross several hundred years before the cross was even introduced as a system for putting people to death.

David said that His hands and feet would be pierced and crucifixion is the only kind of execution that does this. David also predicted that Christ would resurrect from the dead.

The life that the Son of God lived was as miraculous as His Virgin Birth. A theologian can come as near explaining the Virgin Birth of Christ as the sociologist can come to explaining the Virgin life of Christ.

His life was as great a miracle as His birth. He lived on this earth for more than thirty years and never committed one single sin. This fact alone would be sufficient proof that He is a supernatural revelation of God to our humanity.

A strong argument for the Virgin Birth of Christ is the fact that He communicates a virgin life to regenerate mortals.

I know a man who spent thirty-four years in sin. He was a gunman and grew up in the underworld. In a southern state he killed a man by stabbing him to death.

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This scholar will bring the race into the consciousness of the fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man.

That sounds very good, and if the gentleman can give us something better than we have, we should all accept it.

Would it be asking too much, however, to suggest that we take the great scholar out to the outskirts of some city, when he arrives, and drive some nails through his hands and feet?

When we are certain that he is about dead, have a soldier run a spear in his side, and then put him in a box, and nail the lid of the box down tight.

Then let the scholar knock the box to splinters, roll the stone away, come out on the third day and write a Bible, and I will buy a copy.

Let him establish a religion and I will become one of his disciples. Let him call his church "Humanism" or any other kind of "ism," and I will join it, but until some scholar does this, I shall continue preaching the supernatural Christ.

### Revealed in Salvation

God is also revealed in His supernatural salvation. The purest and highest form of evidence for the existence of God is to experience Deity in consciousness.

I am taking into consideration the fact that many Bible teachers will not agree with this statement. Some will say that the supreme evidence of salvation is not experience but doctrine.

If this be true, how could a blind, deaf and dumb man be saved? Such a man could not read the doctrinal statement, nor could he hear Christian doctrine expounded.

Finality is not something that you read, it is something that you experience. It is not something that you hear, it is something that you know to the degree of absolute realization.

Every Bible in the world could be destroyed and I would still know that I have contacted God.

As a matter of fact, there is not a perfect doctrinal statement in existence. There is a flaw in every creed that has ever been written.

The matter of subscribing to a doctrine is not an infallible test of salvation. Even the Apostles' Creed is not flawless.

### Divine Love

Consider the fact that in all the creeds and statements of doctrine ever written, since the church began, there is not a single reference to divine love. The creeds of the church have overlooked this one great essential. They have ignored the fact that God is love, and that to know God, the soul must live in divine love.

John says: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." (I John 4:7-12)

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." (I John 4:16-21)

This fatal omission of divine love

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from the creeds and doctrinal statements of the church explains a lot of things. It explains how it is that Christian brethren, even in the ministry, can demonstrate such an ugly and bitter spirit toward one another.

In recent years the so-called fundamentalism has drafted a doctrinal statement to which a minority group says every loyal Christian must subscribe. There are nine points in the statement.

First, the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. Second, the fact of the eternal Trinity. Third, the Virgin Birth of Christ.

Fourth, the fact that man is a special creation. Fifth, the blood atonement. Sixth, the resurrection.

Seventh, the premillennial doctrine of the second coming of Christ. Eighth, the new birth. Ninth, hell for the sinner and heaven for the saint.

This is very good, as far as it goes, but the statement is imperfect, because it has no reference to the great underlying, motivating, dynamic of revealed religion — Divine Love.

### Experiencing God

The highest achievement known to man is to experience God in consciousness. To be God-conscious is to be desired above everything else in the world. God is revealed in His supernatural salvation.

The story is told of two men in French Indo-China who, a few years ago, killed one of their fellow men and as an abnormal expression of their vengeance, they cut the man's liver out, cooked and ate it. They were thrown into prison.

This occurred at a time when the Gospel was first being carried to that nation. A missionary was put in the same prison for preaching. Both of these men accepted Christ in prison.

The missionary organized one of the first churches that was established in French Indo-China in that very prison house and the murderers, transformed by the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost, became elders in the church.

Such a supernatural transaction is an evidence that God has revealed Himself in salvation.

The question then is, How can one experience God in consciousness? The experience comes not by good works, but by divine grace.

### The Gift of Salvation

Salvation is a gift. You cannot work for it, you cannot earn it. You have not anything you can give in exchange for it.

Your culture, your morality, your character and your education will not produce it. If education were a means of grace one would have to have a college diploma in order to experience God. Few Christians really understand the process of divine grace.

In conversation with the university professor mentioned above, I asked him the question, "What is a Christian?" His answer was, "A Christian is one who lives a good life."

The answer is entirely wrong. One may live a good life and not be a Christian. The good life that a Christian lives is only the by-product of his experience with Christ.

Christianity is not *Do*. Christianity is *done*. Every false religion gives you something to do. Christianity offers you something to accept that has already been done. God has taken the responsibility off of you.

Isaiah said, "He hath laid on him the iniquities of us all."

When Jesus said, "It is finished," He meant that the plan for redeeming lost humanity had been consummated. The whole Gospel is stated in a nutshell in Ephesians 2:8-9.

It is for you to relax, let go and let God. It is for you to rest your case and your sins upon omnipotence and accept God's grace for your deliverance through faith.

### Eternal Salvation

When the soul's case is really rested with God, nothing can pluck that one out of God's hands.

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In his imagination, Gypsy Smith said that he heard the mighty mountain roar from its inward parts, as it reached up with outstretched arms, and said: "Fall, little snowflake. I am secure. Rest on me."

God says: "Feathery soul, blown about by adverse winds of sin and doubt, rest securely in me. My arms are outstretched. I am waiting to receive you."



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# EDITORIALS

## DR. FEHR GOES HOME



On Saturday, June 14, 1958, Dr. Edward Fehr, one of the founders of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc., went to spend eternity with the Lord he served so faithfully during his lifetime.

Born east of Lindsborg, Kansas on February 3, 1889, he was married to Otelia A. Peterson on December 18, 1912.

From this union were born three daughters ... Melba, Ruth and Edlyn.

After serving for several years as County Clerk in Salina, Kansas, he moved to the State capital, Topeka, where he was Assistant State Auditor.

In 1947 he settled in Hoisington, Kansas where he served as pastor of the Great Bend Bible Chapel and started the Bible Meditations program through radio station KVGB, which proved to be very popular with its listeners.

Dr. Fehr had a host of friends, but no enemies. His disposition was of such a nature that to know him was to love

him. He enjoyed the respect and admiration of all who had the privilege to be associated with him.

He became a fast friend of the founder of this publication, Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, when the latter was but a boy of twenty ... and through the years proved to be a wonderful asset to the organization which they both founded, serving as Secretary-Treasurer from its inception until his death.

Dr. Winrod enjoyed the friendship of many men of God, but Dr. Fehr was one of the few in whom he had absolute confidence and trust.

He was a man of few words ... but when he spoke everyone listened for his conversation was resplendent with pearls of wisdom.

Dr. Fehr was preceded in death by his beloved wife in August of 1957. At the time of her passing, she turned to him and asked that he not wait too long to join her.

This last request was granted and on June 14th he simply closed his eyes. One moment he was here ... the next he was with his wife, a grandson whom he also had lost a short time previously ... with Dr. Winrod ... and with His Lord. What a reunion it must have been!

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.

Dr. Fehr left behind his three daughters ... Mrs. Calvin Bayne, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Tillman Ochs, Hoisington, Kansas; and Mrs. Fred Poorbaugh, Albuquerque, New Mexico ... five grandchildren and a multitude of loving friends.

## American Capsule News

Each week a thought-provoking newsletter crosses the desk of the editor of this publication, called *American Capsule News*.

Edited by Morris A. Bealle, it is published every Saturday from Washington, D.C. (street address 1737 H Street N. W. ... subscription rates \$10.00 per year).

This publication is different in that it contains items of interest which most daily newspapers do not publicize. In the past few weeks, the following eye-opening statements have been made in the *American Capsule News*:

The National Polio Foundation claims their Salk Vaccine concoction has wiped out polio. The daily press echoes this fairy tale.

They forgot to tell the Military Air Transport Service to help keep up this illusion.

MATS reports that it set a record in transporting polio patients to treatment centers in 1957, as an accommodation to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The number in 1957 was 90, MATS said, while in the entire six years previous it was only 380; 33 a year before polio was "wiped out," 90 after!

The hogs that collect 15-million dollars a year for their phoney "fight" on polio (National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis) aren't satisfied with what they milk from the sucker public. They want every last dollar and dime they can squeeze out of their public.

The village of Northbrook (Illinois) has an ordinance forbidding the hazardous soliciting of money for charity and alleged charity. They told the National Foundation it would have to

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join the village's community chest to get any funds.

The Foundation has a steadfast policy against joining any community chest drive because then they would have to disclose what they do with the money.

Stopped by the village gendarmes, they are now suing city officials to force their racket on the people of Northwood.

Dr. Thomas G. Ward, professor at Notre Dame's famous medical school, is quoted in the New York Times as saying that, while he conducted tests of the Asiatic flu vaccine for its promoters (U. S. Public Health Service) last winter, he would not take the vaccine himself.

In a recent survey conducted by the National Association for Better TV Fare, it was learned that in one week big city viewers watched 223 killings of human beings.

They included 161 murders, 60 justifiable homicides, two suicides, 192 attempted murders, 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 24 conspiracies to commit murder, 21 jail breaks, seven attempted lynchings, six dynamitings, 11 extortions and two cases of arson.

In addition, two people were tortured to death on screen. This was one week's fare!

—American Capsule News

### Graham Does It Again

Evangelist Billy Graham has ended his seven-week crusade in San Francisco with his usual spectacular results.

When he opened the series of meetings, it was freely predicted that in the Golden Gate city he would meet his nemesis; that since the city was a sort of crossroads of the world, cosmopolitan in makeup and in outlook, blase in its outward manifestations, he could not arouse the interest nor bring out the crowds he had in other cities and around the world.

But the close of the period surprised the skeptics. There was a total attendance of more than 700,000 which rep-

resented near capacity audiences every night, and overflow groups on some occasions in a hall seating 16,500.

Offerings, it is estimated, reached above \$400,000, or more than enough to meet the costs of the campaign. (Graham, unlike many former national evangelists, does not participate on a percentage basis, but is paid an annual salary by a foundation.)

Whether the success of the Graham meetings is due most largely to a resurgence of spiritual interest or to the magnetic appeal of the man and the simple, easily understood message of Christianity he delivers, may be cause for debate.

But in the decade since he first attained prominence, he has preached to more people than any other clergyman.

In worldly San Francisco as in other U.S. cities and around the world, it appears that the dedication of the man, his sincerity and forceful if quiet delivery, succeeded in overcoming what many thought would be the apathy of the people toward the sincere religious approach.

Graham has "done it again;" and the 25-thousand "decisions for Christ" which he gained in the great West Coast city should make his message felt to many thousands of others in the area.

### Fallacies of Our Time

Since time began and man came to the world as its first thinker, there have been as many ideas on what is wrong with the world as there have been minds to think of them.

We ran across a clever list of fallacies in our political, economic and social thinking the other day that seems quite appropriate.

1. That peace among nations can be secured by any means other than superior military strength on the part of peace-loving peoples.

2. That international friendship can be secured through gifts rather than through genuine common principles and purposes.

3. That the moral character of a nation as a whole can be better than the moral character of its citizens as individuals.

4. That anybody's opinion as to how to run the country is as good as anybody else's.

5. That government can give things to people without first taking them away from the people.

6. That if we keep experimenting long enough, we will find a substitute for an honest day's work.

7. That somewhere and somehow there simply must be a substitute for honest money.

8. That somewhere in the depths of "scientific socialism" there must be a substitute for the love of one's neighbor.

9. That stealing is not stealing when the majority of the voters vote in favor of it.

10. That personal economic security, guaranteed by government, is possible without the loss of personal liberty.

Perhaps we can gather from the ten points that something is wrong with our philosophy today. Today's philosophy certainly wasn't the thinking behind the strength that built this great nation.

When the greater local and international feelings for peace, friendship, labor, honesty, "the general good" and security are worthy the method of achieving the goals through socialistic plans will defeat the effort.

Historians of another era may say that in their hurry to reach Utopia, Americans saw the guiding lights but lost their way on the short-cut.

—Austin (Minnesota) Herald

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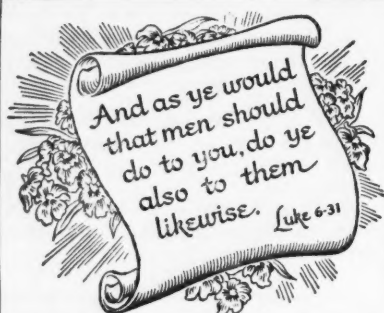
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**AND BE YE** kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

—Ephesians 4:32.

Forgiveness is man's deepest need and highest achievement.

—Horace Bushnell.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

—Colossians 3:13.

To return evil for good is devilish; to return good for good is human; but to return good for evil is God-like.

—Spanish Proverb.

Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men.)

—I Kings 8:39.

The greatest fault, I should say, is to be conscious of none but other people's.

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—II Chronicles 6:21.

Forgive and forget. When you bury a mad dog, don't leave his tail above ground.

—Charles Spurgeon.

Write thy wrongs in ashes. Draw the curtain of night upon injuries, shut them up in the tower of oblivion, and let them be as though they had not been.

I have known a man to nurse the tiny cockatrice egg of unforgiveness till it has burst into the fiery serpent of crime.

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Reversing your treatment of the man you have wronged is better than asking his forgiveness.

Many a sick man has forgiven his enemies with the understanding that it would not hold good if he got well.

Forgiveness is more than the remission of penalty; it should mean the restoration of a broken fellowship.

To have the disposition of Christ, we must love as He loved and forgive as He forgave.

Forgive! A judging, condemning, unforgiving spirit is not merely a fault — it is a sin.

Forgive! Unforgiveness and revenge are the weak pleasures of little and narrow minds.

Forgive! An unforgiving person is little more than a row of hooks upon which to hang grudges.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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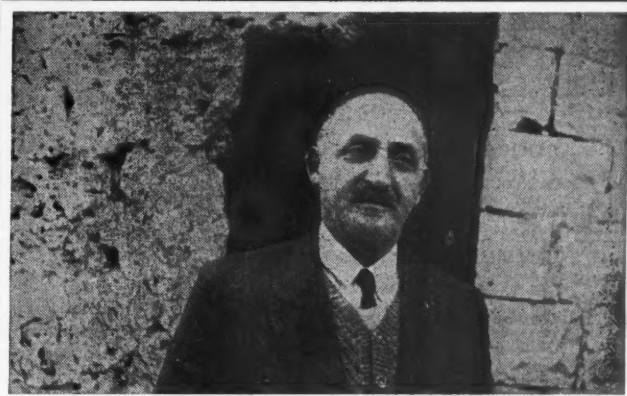
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# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## BROTHER MATTAR VISITS WICHITA HEADQUARTERS



**REV. SOLOMON JOHN MATTAR** is a man of unusual ability and wisdom. This was the consensus of opinion of all who had the opportunity to become better acquainted with him on his recent visit to Defender headquarters here in Wichita, Kansas.

His ruddy complexion, together with his keen mind and agile movements, belie his years. He appears to be a man in his fifties . . . but he advised us he was now in his sixty-seventh year!

A deeply religious man, breathing sincerity and humility, he is recognized today as one of the leading Christians of the Arab world.

Brother Mattar was born in Cana of Galilee, the place where Jesus performed His first miracle at a marriage feast.

He is well-known to *Defender* readers through the position he holds as Warden of the Garden of the Tomb of Christ. The picture reproduced above was taken in front of the door from which the stone was rolled away by angelic hands.

Mary thought that the voice behind her was that of the gardener but, turning, she beheld the risen Jesus. Mr. Mattar is in charge of the same Garden today.

It was in July of 1955 that he also consented to take charge of Defender missionary efforts in the Holy Land. Upon his return from visiting that sec-

tion of the world, Dr. Winrod reported to his staff, "Brother Mattar is the man for the job."

And he has not disappointed us. A more industrious, efficient, faithful, consecrated leader could not have been chosen.

Shortly after his appointment, two Defender Industrial Schools were organized . . . one for men and boys, the other for women and girls (in the Arab world, even in this day and age, the sexes do not mingle in public).

In the former location the young men are taught how to make things with olive wood. Some beautiful specimens of their work have been sent to Defender headquarters, such as Bibles bound in olive wood, hand carved camels, crosses, and jewel boxes.

In the school for girls they have busied themselves by making all sorts of delicate needlework, embroidering familiar Palestinian motifs on various items suitable for display in the home.

A large majority of the students in the two schools are refugees, former citizens of the portion of Palestine now occupied by Israel.

This outlet for their talents has been a godsend. The refugee needs more

than a handout or an act of charity. He needs inward rehabilitation. He needs to develop a sense of self respect, a feeling of self confidence.

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As a Moslem country, Jordan frowns on missionary work among the natives. It is especially prohibited to hold evangelistic services and invite Moslems to attend.

Brother Mattar, knowing of these restrictions, planted the seed thought for opening the Industrial Schools in the mind of Dr. Winrod. By this means we could help rehabilitate the refugees, and at the same time offer them some form of religious *teaching*. This is permissible under Jordan law, so long as the schools are conducted by natives.

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**M**AY 31, 1958 will be recorded in the annals of our church as our very own special "Thanksgiving Day," and will always be a day of thankful prayer and "fiesta."

It was on that date the good Lord saw fit to answer the supplications of our congregation so we could open the doors to our own recently completed Temple.

Usually around that time of the year New York, in saying good-bye to spring and awaiting the arrival of summer, finds itself in a somber mood with the weather being somewhat chilly and rainy.

But the heavens smiled down upon us for that very splendid occasion of ours, and gave us a brilliant sun, thereby adding splendor to the day and letting its happiness be felt along with that of our congregation.

The ample auditorium of our new Temple did not prove sufficient enough to hold all that wanted to attend. There were delegates from our churches in Puerto Rico, Chicago and Brooklyn.

Congratulatory messages via mail, telegram and testimonials were received from all points of the globe, including many from churches, groups and organizations of other denominations.

Services began at two o'clock in the afternoon, with a most interesting program that was pleasantly arranged.

Devotionals were directed by Glorin Hernandez, my daughter ... which was followed by a message of welcome to all of the delegates and our visiting friends in both Spanish and English, delivered by my wife, co-pastor of the Temple, Rev. Gloria Hernandez.

A majority of the many letters and telegrams that were received were also read at this time.

After this hearty welcome, with all due reverence and respect, a Memorial Service was offered in commemoration of our beloved and departed Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, after which there was observed a full minute of silence in honor of the founder of our organization.

Also included on the program was a message of congratulation to the congregation by Mr. John Tiso, the constructing engineer who worked on the Temple.

A most well-thought and perfectly expressed message of consecration was delivered by Dr. J. William Bostrom, director of the Defender Missionary Department and who, incidentally, was also the principal speaker of the day.

There were numerous testimonials, greetings, recitations, solos and duets and other musical acts, both vocal and instrumental, rendered not only by the more talented of our own congregation, but also by our visiting brothers from other churches and cities.

At the close of the afternoon service, visitors and congregation alike withdrew to our old locale where we partook of sandwiches and refreshments, anxiously awaiting the commencement of the evening service.

At 7:30 that night our auditorium was once again filled to capacity. This service was almost entirely conducted by our delegates visiting us from Chicago and Puerto Rico. Our spirits and hearts were overwhelmed with joyful emotion upon hearing the many messages of good will.

At this point I would like to mention that our new Temple is located in the midst of a well-populated Spanish neighborhood. This will afford us a wonderful opportunity of bringing God's Word to a good number of unfortunate souls who have not been blessed with knowing Him.

Truly, we shall ever sing praises to our Lord for having blessed us with this wonderful Temple. Our years of prayers and labors were not in vain.

Although our happy celebration was saddened at the thought that our beloved Dr. Winrod could not partake of those moments with us, he from whom the idea of a new Temple was born ... we are sure that as he rests in peace he will be satisfied in knowing that what destiny did not let him finish in life, was accomplished with his memory vividly glowing in the hearts and minds of all.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

## MASTERS OF DECEIT

J. Edgar Hoover . . . Henry  
Holt Publishers, cloth binding,  
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**Editor's Note:** This month's review has been prepared by Mr. George Peck, President of the Laymen's National Committee and sponsor of National Sunday School and Bible Weeks.

**THIS COLUMNIST** has just finished reading for a second time one of the most interesting, and at the same time alarming of books — "Masters of Deceit," by J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

No American is better qualified to inform his fellow citizens about Communism — what it is, what it does and how it does it, than America's Number One Investigator.

"Masters of Deceit" is a book that every school teacher, every college professor, every preacher, every scientist, every businessman, in fact every patriotic American should read and own.

Not only one but several copies should be placed in every municipal or school library. No quicker method could be found to alert Americans to the tremendous dangers of Communism.

And even more important, the book not only sounds the alarm, it points the way as to how this criminal monster can be vanquished.

To the average American, who knows so little about this deadly menace, "Masters of Deceit," will prove to be more than a fascinating yarn or "Whodunit."

It first will give him a rude jolt. It



J. EDGAR HOOVER

will daze and bewilder him, but it will also make him fighting mad — shake him out of his apathy or complacency, and goad him to action.

Apathy is the number one friend of Communism. A leading authority from Australia states that to be apathetic today as far as Communism is concerned is little short of criminal.

"Masters of Deceit" is a sure-fire prescription to cure the all-too-prevalent disregard of the threat Communism is to our welfare and freedom.

"Masters of Deceit" is factual, authoritative. Listing here just a few of the chapter headings will give you some idea as to its contents:

"Who Is Your Enemy?" "How Communism Began," "The Communist Appeal in the United States of America," "The Life of the Party," "The Communist Trojan Horse in Action" . . . and "The Communist Underground."

The book is both fascinating and readable, not only to those previously unaware of the menace of Communism, but also to the hardened anti-Communist.

It is worthy of note that there are actually more anti-Communists in America than Communists. The balance of power which favors Communism is due only to the apathy and ignorance of our people on the subject of Communism.

J. Edgar Hoover is a profound student of the criminal mind. He is also a devoutly religious man, with an abiding faith in and a great love for America.

These attributes motivated him to give us "Masters of Deceit," in which he presents nothing but facts.

These include Documentation, Research, Infiltration of the Communist cells and fronts, legal analysis, and preparation of cases involving criminal acts of Communists for presentation to the Courts for prosecution of the criminals.

Most interesting and comprehensive are Hoover's descriptions of the Communies' organization setups. These clear up the mystery of how they have recruited well-intentioned but misguided zealots to front for actual Communist operations.

The book explains how the Communists finance their American operations — mainly by means of money raised in America and from Americans.

The slander, smear and blackmail techniques used by the conspirators are given full and documented treatment in "Masters of Deceit."

J. Edgar Hoover depicts the sharp contrast between the blessings of freedom which we enjoy in America, and the curse of Communism where it holds sway in other countries — and he states that we still have a choice between the two *today*, but that if we do not bestir ourselves, there will be a *tomorrow*, without choice.

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The volume contains such striking chapter titles as "The King Who Lost His Thumbs," "The King with the Bad Feet," "The King Who Could Not Die," "The Blind King," "The Happy King," "The Crucified King," and others.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson Number One

August 17, 1958

## JUSTICE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

Lev. 19:33-37; Deut. 23:7, 8; 24:14, 15;  
Matt. 9:9-13; Gal. 3:26-28.

**MEMORY TEXT:** "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Proper treatment of strangers. Leviticus 19:33.
- B. Christ came to save sinners. Matthew 9:13.
- C. Christians admonished to love one another. Hebrews 13:1.
- D. Christ is God's Great Equalizer. Galatians 3:26-28.

### The Key Word: Stranger

In the days of Abraham, a stranger (or foreigner) was any Gentile. The Kingdom of God, temporarily limited to the one people of Israel, yet bore within it the germ of universality, of diffusion among all people.

The covenant made with Abraham was from the beginning not exclusively confined to the natural posterity of Israel's twelve sons.

When the Israelites went up out of Egypt, a large, mixed multitude of strangers (or foreigners) accompanied them, and were not rejected by them.

Among the Israelites there were at all times individuals of other peoples, whom they classified as heathens.

To such were granted toleration and several privileges, in return for which compliance with certain regulations was insisted upon.

Some of the requirements they were expected to meet were:

1. The name of Jehovah was not to be blasphemed.
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3. No acts of indecency could be committed.
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In I Peter 2:11 "foreigners" are those who live as strangers on the earth, with their citizenship in heaven.

In Ephesians 2:19 "foreigners" (or strangers) denotes those who, being in a state of nature, are without citizenship in God's kingdom.

### The Key Verse: Matthew 9:13

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Christ indeed came for the needy. Suppose a man of learning, in company with two persons . . . the one really ignorant, but highly conceited of his knowledge, and consequently unteachable; the other ignorant too, but sensible of it, and therefore desirous of instruction.

Suppose he should turn from the self-conceited creature, and carry on conversation with the other, who was likely to profit by it: and suppose the former should resent it, and say, "If he were indeed a scholar, as he pretends to be, he would not be fond of the society of

such an ignorant dunce, but would rather choose me for a companion."

How properly might a teacher reply, "Oh, you are a wise man, and have no need of instruction — but this poor ignorant creature is sensible of his want of instruction, and therefore, it is most fit I should converse with him."

Such a reply has a peculiar pungency and mortifying force in it, and such Jesus used in the case before us.

Christ called sinners by making appeals to their consciences, by preaching an all-sufficient atonement for sin, by means of an offer of reconciliation and by raising in their minds hopes of future glory.

### The Key Fact: Christ is the Great Equalizer

Christ destroys all barriers between peoples. He sent His disciples to preach the Gospel to the "whole creation."

There are no longer Jews and Gentiles, masters and slaves, male or female, but all are one in Him. (Ephesians 2:15-16; Galatians 3:28)

There is one way of salvation — by grace, through faith; and there is but one family, or one body — the Church; there is one table — the Lord's Supper, and one Gospel — salvation through Jesus Christ.

There were Jews, Greeks, bond and free in the days of Jesus, but He saw only people, men who needed to know God.

Christ's offer is the same to all groups; yet not to all groups, but to all men in every group: rich, poor, white, black, yellow, red.

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## JUSTICE ON INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

Mic. 4:1-7; Acts 10:34-35; Eph. 2:13-16.

**MEMORY TEXT:** "All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name." Psalm 86:9.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Fear and distrust hindrances to justice. Micah 4:3.
- B. Righteousness exalts nations. Proverbs 14:34.
- C. Religion the safeguard of nations. Jeremiah 12:17.
- D. Men of all nations make up the body of Christ. Ephesians 2:16.

### The Key Word: Nations

The greatest aid to justice among nations, and the safeguard of any nation, is its relation to the living God.

Religion has a direct bearing upon the moral character of men, for men strive to become like the God they worship.

The fall of nations has been marked by moral degeneracy, the destruction of the higher motives that make for right living in the world.

The Israelites are an excellent illustration of this fact. As long as they

honored God by obedience to His commandments, they were blessed and prospered; but when they forsook Him, going into the ways of sin and idolatry, they suffered.

Isaiah, God's prophet, depicts their condition in these words: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." (Isaiah 1:4) Captivity and suffering became their lot.

Nations seem to overlook or ignore past history. They are often slow to understand that real strength does not lie in great armies, immense power, material resources, or in alliances with strong and powerful nations, but in moral character, in faithful obedience to the will and the way of God, the ways of justice and righteousness.

Would that every national leader might be able and willing to follow the example of Queen Victoria who, when asked by an African prince the secret of England's greatness, showed him a Bible, saying, "Here is the secret of England's greatness."

This is indeed an age when nations must practice justice and exercise self-control. The world is at a crossroads. Which way shall it take? The nations must decide the destiny of the world.

### The Key Verse: Acts 10:34

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

"Oh," you say, "I am such a little plant; I do not grow well; I do not put forth as much leafage, nor are there so many flowers on me, as many round about me."

It is quite right that you should think little of yourself; perhaps to droop your head is part of your beauty. Many flowers had not been half so lovely if they had not practiced the art of hanging their heads.

But supposing God to be the gardener, then He is as much a gardener to you as He is to the most lordly palm in the whole domain.

In the Mentone garden grows the orange and the aloe, and others of the finer and more noticeable plants; but on the wall grow common wall flowers and tiny herbs such as we find on our own rocky places.

Now the gardener has cared for all of them, small and great. In fact, there are hundreds of specimens of the most insignificant growths all duly labeled and described. The smallest herb says, "He is my gardener just as surely as he is the gardener of the stately palm!"

### The Key Fact: In God We Must Trust

Christians all over the world ought to thank God that the United States has as its slogan, now on currency and diplomatic mail as well as on its coins, the words, "In God We Trust."

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Some day, the Bible tells us, all nations will trust in Him. Then, and then only, can we feel secure. Our task, as a Christian nation, is to lead all the world to trust in God.

Man declared war on God when he disobeyed his Creator. That declaration of war is repeated every time a person sins.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TEMPERANCE

Rom. 13:11-14:4, 15:21.

**MEMORY TEXT:** "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." Romans 14:21.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Alcohol is a personal problem. Proverbs 23:29-35.
- B. Alcohol is a family problem. Genesis 9:20-27.
- C. Alcohol is a social problem. Romans 13:13.
- D. Alcohol is an economic problem. Proverbs 20:1.

### The Key Word: Weak

Let not the strong in the faith despise them that are weak, for their convictions rest ultimately upon Divine revelation.

The law of Moses was of Divine authority and, although done away in Christ, was subject to it. Therefore it was not surprising if some of the Jewish converts still felt insuperable objections to its abandonment.

It was a matter of conscience, and the man who respects his conscience deserves respect, even when prejudiced and wrong.

The strong, therefore, must not put a stumblingblock in their brother's way. This may be easily done by:

(a) A contempt of his scruples. The disposition to sneer at his stupid weakness will not convince him that he is either stupid or weak, but will rather drive him utterly away from those who tolerate such an ungenerous spirit, and perhaps to apostasy.

Now, though the strong had a perfect right to disregard the distinctions of meats, he had no right to imperil the salvation of anyone for whom Christ died. The weak are not required to abstain from meats, but you are not bound to eat them.

(b) By example or persuasion. It was quite lawful for the strong to employ argument in order to convince the weak that he misapprehended the character and purpose of Christianity; but it was not lawful for him to laugh at his scruples, and to assure him, without adducing proof, that there could really be no harm in eating meat.

That might be quite true for him, but it would not be true for his weak brother. If this man presumed to eat the meat, or to disregard the day, while his scruples remained, his own conscience would accuse him of unfaithfulness.

### The Key Verse: Romans 13:12

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works

of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

The night is a picture of the Christian's present state. In comparison with other men, and with his own former condition, he is in broad day. But the apostle is not thinking of these things.

As he contemplates eternity, he feels that believers are all still in darkness. And the figure accords with our own experience and feelings.

Night is a season of cheerlessness, incertitude, perplexity, inaction and danger. Night throws a veil over the face of things. The traveler may be passing through the most beautiful scenes, but he might almost as well be going over a desert.

The day signifies heaven. There shall be no night there. Nothing to endanger, impede, bewilder, or distress.

Everything we wish done away with here shall be done away with there. And there shall all which we have so long wished to see come — sunshine, beauty, brightness and happiness.

There shines in unclouded splendor the Sun of Righteousness. This glorious light is ever shining on the most glorious objects, and we shall behold these objects, and the same light on ourselves shall cause us to "shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father." Now this day is near!

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Of a railway employee who stood better with the company if he patronized saloons?

Of a murderer on the gallows saying: "If I had spent more time in the tavern, I wouldn't be here?"

Of real estate values increasing because a saloon opened up in the community?

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## CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD WORK

Exod. 20:9-10; Eccles. 9:10; Eph. 4:28;  
Col. 3:22-25; 4:1.

**MEMORY TEXT:** "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- Work is a part of life. Colossians 3:23.
- Christians should be conscientious workmen. Ecclesiastes 9:10.
- Idleness condemned by Paul. II Thessalonians 3:10.
- Christians called to service and labor. Matthew 9:37-38.

### The Key Verse: Work

Work is the law of God, made so by both example and precept.

According to the Biblical record, when Adam was created, "the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (Genesis 2:15)

Eden was not a permanent vacation resort for God's man, but a place of toil and constructive labor, an opportunity to become a co-laborer with God.

It surely must have been beautiful; it most certainly was productive; it came from the hand of the Divine Architect, perfect according to His will and His design, each thing serving its own purpose and bringing forth "after its kind."

After the first transgression — eating the fruit of the tree which God had positively forbidden — God said to Adam as He was sending him away from the garden, "cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." (Genesis 3:17-19)

Those who consider work the curse of man must overlook one little phrase in these words of God: "cursed is the ground for thy sake."

Instead of a curse, it is evident from God's words that a blessing was intended; for the cursing of the ground was for the sake, that is, for the good of man.

Work is essential to true happiness, and as such it is a blessing. It gives meaning to an otherwise meaningless and restless existence. It is the source of prosperity, and every worthwhile project has work associated with it.

Each individual must determine how his life shall be spent. And the attitude will determine whether, to him, work is a curse or a blessing.

### The Key Verse: Colossians 3:23

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

"No man can serve two masters." "He that is not with me is against me." Alas! how many act as though they had made a bargain with Christ; that part of their nature should be given to Him, and part retained for the world and self.

In certain circumstances they seem devout and earnest believers, in others frivolous and worldly. Such a course is dishonoring to Christ and injurious to their own souls.

There are families in which the children, having been asked to do something, refuse or delay; then a struggle ensues, involving discomfort to both parents and children.

In others the first intimation is followed by prompt obedience. In the one case is love, order and happiness; in the other the reverse. Why?

In the one case the children had learned to obey, in the other they had not.

So some of God's children have not learned to surrender their wills utterly to Him; hence every act of obedience involves a struggle; but some have learned to make the struggle once for all, and are now happy in that service which is perfect freedom.

### The Key Fact: God is Served in our Daily Work

Everything we do, including our daily work, must be done in a way that meets God's approval.

The man digging a ditch must do it as though God were his foreman. The housewife, cleaning the house, is to do it as though the all-seeing Lord were a guest in the home.

Here would be an opportunity for the often-used story of the three men cutting rock.

Asked what they were doing, one said he was merely putting in so many hours of work. The second said he was earning so many dollars a day. The third, who had an understanding of the importance of his work, replied: "I am helping to build a cathedral."

Christians need to realize the importance of even the most menial task.

What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. He who succeeds best is he who makes the best use of what he has.

In a large factory hangs a list of brief suggestions for employees, one of which is: "Watch your work, not the clock; a long day's work makes a long day short."

**THE CHRISTIAN AND FINANCES**

Exod. 20:15; Amos 8:4-7; Jas. 5:1-5; I Pet. 4:10-11

**MEMORY TEXT:** "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." I Timothy 6:10.

The general plan and pattern of the lesson is as follows:

- A. Possessions should be gained honorably. James 5:1-5.
- B. Christians should practice stewardship. I Peter 4:10-11.
- C. Theft of someone else's possessions forbidden. Exodus 20:15.
- D. No one condemned because of riches or poverty. James 2:1-9.

**The Key Word: Riches**

While the Scriptures have much to say about riches, the careful reader will readily see that God condemns no man simply because he is rich or poor.

Neither wealth nor poverty is a bar to fellowship in the kingdom of God; for God seeks not possessions, but men.

The fawning honor that some lavish upon those with great possessions dishonors both the giver and the receiver.

The giver becomes guilty of idolatry by the worship of mammon, while the rich man is degraded by being made of less value than his possessions, for without the possessions he would pass unnoticed.

James draws a word picture of the respect tendered the rich in some congregations of the Lord. (James 2:1-9). It closes with this: "But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin."

The Gospel invitation goes out to all men. Beneath riches and rags alike, God sees men; and the terms of forgiveness and the requirements of service are the same for all.

All this is not to say that men are not affected by possessions, for they are. Possessions may determine the eternal destiny of the soul.

However, it is not the extent of a man's holdings that is most important, but his attitude toward them. The poor are often as completely dominated by the material and temporal as the rich. (See Luke 16:10)

A wise man expressed the inherent dangers in both riches and poverty in Proverbs 30:8-9.

The problem is not possessions but people. The Psalmist stated the only adequate solution when he wrote: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

If the heart is changed, the life will be changed also, for out of the heart are "the issues of life."

**The Key Verse: I Peter 4:10**

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Every believer has a gift, his own. The little wheels in an engine, the little stones in a building, and the little gifts in the church, occupy a place for which the larger would be unsuitable.

An organism is healthy only when all its members perform their functions; and efficiency in the whole is the gross result of efficiency in every part.

"Ministering it among yourselves." This is a noble thought. It implies that we study our gifts, and so make no mistake as to the work we are fitted to do. This is a matter of great importance.

The navigation of a ship will be bad with children at the ropes, and a landsman at the helm. A ministry without ministerial gifts is a machine incapable of moving, even if the power were there.

It implies that we train and cultivate our gifts so as to use them at their best. He would be an eccentric farmer who allowed his land to lie untilled because the soil was rich. It is the richest land and the highest gifts that, being cultivated, will yield the best return.

**The Key Fact: God's Gifts Are For The Common Good**

Our gifts, in their most highly cultivated form, are all to be used for the common good.

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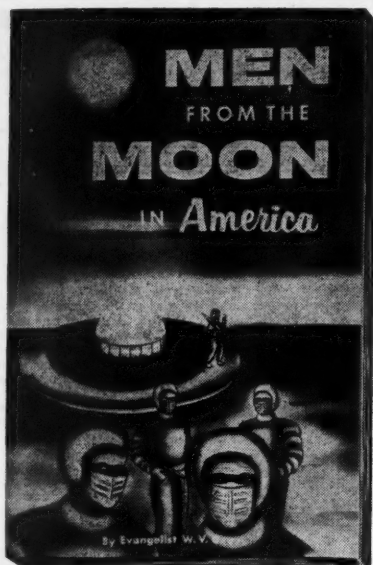
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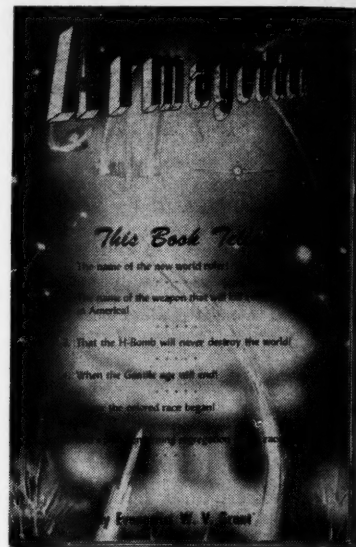


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